

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

On or about July 9, 2004, applicant filed an Amendment wherein it included in the claims the recitation about a temperature being on the order of about 1000°C. It is presently deemed unnecessary to include that limitation. In particular, although flash lamps produce extremely high temperatures, it is exceedingly difficult to measure the precise temperature at a particular point on a substrate. Therefore, the limitation must be removed and the claims examined without that limitation.

Favorable consideration of the application is earnestly solicited.

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